

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re PATENT APPLICATION OF

Suzuki et al.

Appln. No.: 10/059,145

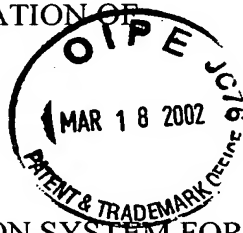
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Title: TV OBSERVATION SYSTEM FOR ENDOSCOPES

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SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Hon. Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits and supplemental to the Preliminary Amendment filed on January 31, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claim 1 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please add new claims 18-37 as follows:

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18. (New) A TV observation system for an endoscope comprising:
a light source including a combination of a plurality of light emitting elements;
a power supply configured to supply electric power to said light source;
a light transmitter configured to transmit light from said light source to a distal end of an endoscope; and
a compounding optical system configured to compound light having different emission spectral bands from said plurality of light emitting elements,
wherein at least one of said light source, said power supply and said compounding optical system is disposed adjacent to the endoscope so that light transmitted through said compounding optical system is supplied to said light transmitter.